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For  
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Application Number	09/863,594
Filing Date	May 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	Dr. Jorg Rheims, et al.
Art Unit	1731
Examiner Name	M. Alvo
Attorney Docket Number	VOI0189.US

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Extension of Time \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 05/18/2004 HALI11 00000115 09863594
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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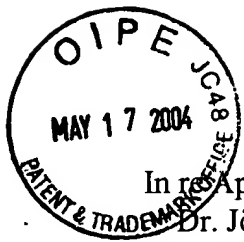
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In re Application of )  
Dr. Jörg Rheims, et al. ) Group: 1731  
Serial No.: 09/863,594 )  
Filed: May 23, 2001 )  
Title: A PROCESS AND A FLUFFER DEVICE ) Examiner: M. Alvo  
FOR TREATMENT OF A FIBER STOCK )  
SUSPENSION )

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Sir:


Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 880.00 to cover the Extension fee for response within the 1st (first) month and the Request for Continued Examination is enclosed.
- ☐ Applicants authorize the additional fees in the amount of \$\* be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 15, 2004, having a period for response set to expire on April 15, 2004, which period has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time to expire on May 15, 2004, Applicants hereby submit A Request For Continued Examination (RCE), together with the following amendment.

The following sections are included herewith:

- Amendment(s) To The Claims
- Remarks